

CHAPTER XX.

FIRES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SEC. 101. That the board of commissioners shall have power to provide for the organization, equipment, maintenance, and government of fire companies and a fire department; and in its discretion may provide for a paid fire department, and for this purpose may create any offices and employments and fix their compensation as to the board may seem right and proper.

Fire companies
and fire depart-
ment.

SEC. 102. That the board may establish and maintain fire limits in the city, in which it shall be unlawful to erect, alter, and repair wooden buildings or structures or additions thereto; it may also prohibit the removal of wooden buildings or structures of any kind into said limits, or from one place to another within the limits, and make such other regulations as may be deemed best for the prevention and extinguishment of fires.

Fire limits.

SEC. 103. The board of commissioners may make rules and regulations governing the erection and construction of buildings in the city so as to make them as safe as possible from fire; and in case of fire the mayor, the commissioner of public safety, or any two members of the said board of commissioners, may order the blowing up, tearing down, or destruction in any other way that may seem best, of any building, when it is deemed necessary to stop the progress of the fire; and no person shall be held liable, civilly or criminally, for acting in obedience to the orders thus given.

Building regula-
tions.

Destruction of
property in arrest-
ing fires.

CHAPTER XXI.

CARE FUND FOR CEMETERIES.

SEC. 104. That the board of commissioners are authorized to create a fund to be known as the perpetual care fund for the cemetery or cemeteries, for the purpose of perpetually caring for and beautifying the cemetery or cemeteries, and said fund shall be kept by the city, as is provided for bequests and gifts for cemetery purposes; and said board may make contracts with plat or space owners in the cemetery or cemeteries, obligating the city to keep up and maintain said lots or spaces, in perpetuity, upon payment of such sum or sums as may be fixed by the board of commissioners; and the board of commissioners is further authorized and empowered to accept gifts and bequests for such purposes, or upon such other trusts as the donors may prescribe; and said board is authorized to set aside for said perpetual care fund an amount not exceeding twenty-five per cent of the proceeds of sale of cemetery lots. The principal of said funds so appropriated by the board of commissioners for caring for the cemetery or cemeteries shall be held by the said board of commissioners for caring for and beautifying the cemetery or cemeteries and improving the same. The income from the said fund here-

Perpetual care
fund for cemeteries.

Contracts for care
of lots.

Gifts and bequests.

Principal of fund.

Income.